

REMARKS

The Examiner requested that the status of the related applications be updated. By this amendment, the status of related applications has been updated.

The Examiner questioned whether a second sheet of Form PTO-1449 listing additional references was intended to be included with the supplemental information disclosure statement mailed to the Patent Office on June 19, 2001. The answer is that no second sheet of Form PTO-1449 was intended to be included with that supplemental information disclosure statement. Applicant's undersigned counsel mislabeled the single sheet of PTO-1449 as "sheet 1 of 2," rather than correctly as --sheet 1 of 1--. In support of this, Applicant's undersigned counsel notes that the return postcard receipt notes that copies of ten references were submitted with the supplemental information disclosure statement mailed to the Patent Office on June 19, 2001, and that ten references are listed on the single sheet of PTO-1449 included with the supplemental information disclosure statement mailed to the Patent Office on June 19, 2001.

The Examiner objected to the drawings for their failure to show all of the elements recited in the claims. Amendments to the specification and drawings are submitted herewith in a good faith effort to overcome the Examiner's objection to the drawings. No new matter is sought to be entered by these amendments. As the Examiner has correctly noted, these elements are recited in the claims as filed, and the claims as filed form part of the original disclosure.

Claims 1-22 are allowed. The Examiner objected to claim 23 under 35 U. S. C. § 112, second paragraph. By this amendment, a good faith effort has been made to address the specific instances of indefiniteness identified by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicant submits that claim 23 is also in condition for further favorable consideration, culminating in allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be due to render this response a timely response to the July 2, 2003 official action, to Applicant's undersigned counsel's deposit account 10-0435 with reference to file 1069-66261. A duplicate copy of this authorization is enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted



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